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SUBJ: THE RICE SITUATION IN ASIA

REF: A. STATE 145370; B. TOKYO 9594

1. ON 31 JULY EMBOFFS CONVEYED INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL A TO TAKANO, DEPUTY HEAD, REGIONAL POLICY DIVISION, ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF. TAKANO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION AND UNDERTOOK TO CONSULT WITH COLLEAGUES. HE PROMISED TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH FONOFF ESTIMATES OF RICE NEEDS AND SURPLUSES IN NEAR FUTURE. EMBASSY WILL REPORT THESE WHEN RECEIVED.

2. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION, TAKANO PROVIDED FIGURES ON JAPANESE RICE EXPORTS ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS FOR GOJ FY 1973, WHICH WERE SAME AS THOSE PROVIDED 24 JULY BY YOSHIDA (DIRGEN, ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF) AND REPORTED REFTEL B, WITH FOLLOWING MINOR VARIATION: TAKANO INDICATED 76,000 TONS WOULD GO TO PHILIPPINES AND 1,000 TONS TO WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (YOSHIDA SAID 77,000 TO PHILIPPINES) AND 8,000 TONS TO KALAGASY REPUBLIC (YOSHIDA HAD MERELY SAID 8,000 TONS TO AFRICA). TAKANO ALSO EXPLAINED THAT IN CASE

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OF CAMBODIA, RATHER THAN EXPORTING EXACTLY 5,000 TONS RICE,

GOJ WOULD MAKE CASH GRANT OF \$1,200,000 WHICH WILL BE USED FOR PURCHASE OF JAPANESE RICE. THUS, EXACT QUANTITY OF RICE WILL DEPEND ON PRICE. TAKANO ESTIMATED THAT AT PROBABLE PRICE OF \$250/TON, CAMBODIA WOULD ACTUALLY GET 4,800 TONS OF RICE. TAKANO STRESSED THAT FIGURES ON JAPANESE RICE EXPORTS REPORTED HEREIN AND IN REFTEL B WERE CONFIDENTIAL AND SHOULD NOT BE MADE PUBLIC.

3. TAKANO ALSO EXPLAINED THAT GOJ FOOD AGENCY EXPECTS NO RPT NO SURPLUS RICE NEXT YEAR. SINCE STOCKS OF OLD RICE ARE EXHAUSTED, NO RICE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CONCESSIONAL EXPORTS. GOJ IS AWARE OF SERIOUS PROBLEMS THIS WILL CAUSE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES, AND IS CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVES.  
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